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Necrology of Virginia Historical Society, 1893.

LEGH R. PAGE was born at New Glasgow, in Amherst county, March 10th, 1835. He was a son of Rev. Charles H. Page, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church and a member of the well-known Page family of Virginia. Legh R. Page was a nephew in the third generation of Light Horse Harry Lee, of the Revolutionary Army, and therefore a cousin of General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Confederate forces in the war between the States. His boyhood was passed in Kentucky, in which State his father at that time resided. He had not yet reached manhood when he began the practice of law at Lexington, Mississippi, in partnership with the present senior United States Senator from that Commonwealth, Hon. J. Z. George. When the war broke out he became captain of the Lexington (Miss.) Guards. He accompanied these troops to Virginia and served gallantly through the whole of the great contest. While in command of posts in the immediate vicinity of Richmond he was appointed on the staff of General Ewell, with the rank of adjutant-general. At the close of the war Major Page married Miss Page Waller, and established himself in Richmond as a member of the bar. He soon acquired prominence in his profession, more particularly in practice in the Supreme Court of the State. He was counsel in many of the leading cases of his time, including Thorndyke vs. Reynolds, Ould and Carrington vs. Meyers, Norfolk Exchange Bank Cases, Samuel Miller Will Case, Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Bond Case, and others which attracted an equal degree of attention.

For several years Major Page was the City Attorney of Richmond. He died on the 8th of June, 1893, in Chicago, to which city he had gone for the purpose of attending the wedding of a kinsman. Major Page was a man of great dignity of character, of vigorous talents, reserved in his manners but strong in his attachments.

JOHN E. DEWITT, of Portland, Me., was killed in the frightful disaster of Thursday, August 31, 1893, on the line of the Boston and Albany Railroad, at Chester, near Springfield, Mass. His ancestors in some lines came to this country soon after 1650, and were residents of New York city. Ten of his ancestors took an active part in the Revolutionary war. Mr. DeWitt was the son of Cornelius W. and Charity H. (Van Gaasbeek) DeWitt, and was born in Milford, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1839. By the illness and death of his father, he was thrown upon his own resources at the age of fourteen, at which age he left his home and became a clerk in New York city. During the war he held a responsible position as clerk in the office of a leading merchant there. After dissolving connection with him, Mr. DeWitt engaged in the busi-